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# IOWAVE



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Dedicated to all IOWAVES in Training and Afield

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

15 SEPTEMBER 1944

## War Highlights

### FRANCE

The American 1st Army drove a second spearhead into Germany east of Liege, reaching a point 37 miles from Cologne.

The U. S. 3rd Army made new crossings over the Moselle river in bitter fighting.

Le Havre fell to Canadian troops.

French forces driving along the Swiss border were within 42 miles of the southwestern corner of Germany. To the west, American troops mopped up the last resistance in Besancon and drove to the approaches of the Belfort Gap, gateway to Germany.

Reports that 20,000 Nazis are trapped in southwestern France were made Wednesday.

The Americans are said to be 10 miles nearer Berlin than are the Russians from the east.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower announced Wednesday that the U. S. Ninth army is in the field in France, commanded by Lieut. Gen. William Simpson. This brings the total of American forces in that part of Europe to well over a million men.

### RUSSIAN FRONT

The Germans said the Russians had launched a tremendous offensive, both directly against Warsaw and against East Prussia north of Warsaw.

### PACIFIC FRONT

Heavy fleet units, including battleships, shelled Japanese positions on Palau, 600 miles east of the Philippines. Bombers in the western Pacific hit Iwo Island in the Volcanos. In the Southwest Pacific Liberators attacked Menado, the Japanese base on Menado Island.

### ITALY

Allied forces were stalled before the German Gothic line.

## Film Short on WAVES

### At Regent Theatre

"Report to Judy", a film short on the WAVES will be shown at the Regent Theater in Cedar Falls 16 September at 1429, 1655, 1922, and 2148. The show on Friday, 15 September is at 2123. This is one of the best WAVE "shorts" to be filmed and all those who have seen it praise it highly.

## Four WR Officers Promoted to Lt. (jg)

Comdr. E. E. Pettee, Commanding Officer of the Naval Training School for Yeomen of the Women's Reserve of the U. S. Navy, has announced the promotion of four officers at the Cedar Falls station. These officers who advanced in rank from Ensigns to Lieutenant (jg) are Helen E. Fechter, Inez Frink, Florence Koughan and Margaret Thompson, all instructors.

Lt. (jg) Helen Fechter is Chairman of the shorthand and typing department in the school. She is the daughter of Mrs. Anna V. Fechter of Bozeman, Montana, and John Fechter of Mesa, Arizona. She is a graduate of Montana State College with a B. S. degree. Prior to her enlistment in the Navy she was an instructor in the high school in Helena.

Lt. (jg) Inez Frink is from Tallahassee, Florida. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Frink of that city. She has both B.S.C. and M.S. degrees from Florida State College for Women and Northwestern university. She was a teacher in Commerce in the Florida State College for Women prior to her enlistment in the WAVES.

Lt. (jg) Florence Koughan is from Berkeley, California, and is the daughter of Flora L. Koughan. She has a twin sister who is also a commissioned officer in the WAVES and a brother who is a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve. Prior to her work with the Women's Reserve, she was an instructor in Vocational Education (Commercial) at Berkeley, California.

Lt. (jg) Margaret Thompson is from Wakefield, Massachusetts. She is the daughter of Mrs. Annette Aker Thompson. She holds B. S. and Ed. M. degrees from Boston university and Harvard School of Education. She has a brother who is also in the Navy. She, too, was a teacher prior to her service with the Navy.

## Lieut. McCown To Accompany Draft

Lieut. W. N. McCown, officer-in-charge of instruction, will accompany the outgoing draft to Chicago next week. This journey should make an interesting chapter in the book Mr. McCown plans to write after the war.

## Comdr. L. K. Pollard to Speak At Graduation Exercises Monday

## Comdr. Whiteside Visits Cedar Falls

Comdr. G. W. Whiteside, commanding officer of the Naval Training School (Y-W) at Stillwater, Oklahoma, was a guest at this station on 11 September.

During the afternoon he visited several classes in the instruction department. At 1600 the trainees donned white gloves, and gave a special review in his honor.

Helen Adams, Y 1/c, was in the first class of WAVES to graduate from Stillwater. Billy Horton, SAI 3/c, was stationed at Stillwater for six months previous to his assignment at Cedar Falls.

## Three Officers Receive Their Transfer Orders

Three officers have received orders for transfer to new stations.

Lieut. J. D. Kettelle has received his orders for sea duty. A new chaplain will replace him in approximately two weeks.

Lt. (jg) Virginia Adams left Cedar Falls 11 September to report to Washington, D. C. From there she will proceed to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for instruction, and will later be stationed at Hunter College, New York City, where she will be the insurance officer.

Miss Adams had been stationed here eighteen months when she received her orders. She is from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Lt. (jg) Rita Campbell will leave Saturday to report for duty at the Bureau of Docks, Washington, D. C. She will replace a Lieutenant commander at the Bureau. Miss Campbell has been on the instruction staff here for the past eighteen months. Her home is in Boston, Massachusetts.

## HONORS GO TO SECTION 41

Honors go to Section 41 again this week. They still don't have anyone on the tree. This ought to give the other three sections in fourth company something to aim for.

## Outdoor Review At 0915 Will Precede Exercises

Comdr. L. K. Pollard, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer of the Radio School and the V-12 program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, will be the graduation speaker at the Naval Training School here Monday, 18 September. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor review at 0915 and graduation exercises in the college auditorium will follow immediately.

Comdr. E. E. Pettee will introduce Commander Pollard and certificates of completion of yeoman training will be presented outgoing seamen by Lieut. Elizabeth Hall.

Commander Pollard will be accompanied by Mrs. Pollard.

## WAVE Lieutenant is Navy's First Medical Journalist

### (From The Service Woman)

Lt. (jg) Mary E. Ohm has the distinction of being the first woman to be classified by the Navy as a medical journalist.

In addition to her hospital duties, she cooperates with the Eleventh Naval District in publicizing the marvels of wartime naval medicine. This role is not new to the WAVE officer, for before being assigned to hospital work, she assisted writers of nationally-known magazines to obtain material on the astonishing medical advances fathered by wartime necessity.

## Lieut. Lohr to Give Informal Talk at Friendly Hour

On Sunday evening, 17 September, Lieut. Philip Lohr, MC-V(S), USNR, better known as Dr. Lohr, will give an informal talk at the Friendly Hour, which will be held as usual at 1830 in the East Lounge. Part of the time will be devoted to singing Navy songs.

The Music Hour will also meet as usual in the East Lounge on Sundays at 1600, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1830.



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## EDITORIAL

### Hup, Two, Three, Four!

Forward, March! As your Platoon leader gives that command, are you always on your toes? Are you looking around, adjusting your tie and fussing with your hair or are your eyes straight ahead, shoulders back and your head up?

If we are marching by the reviewing stand, we wouldn't think of doing these things which cause a reflection on the entire section. Even though we are in ranks of two abreast, we are still in ranks and should not forget it for a minute.

They tell us that when the Army Air Corps was stationed here, the WAVES really concentrated on their marching so as not to be outdone. We no longer have that competition but we don't want to look any less sharp now than before. In reviews we hear constantly, "Guide right!" Why is it we forget about guiding as we march to and from classes? It's hardly necessary to mention talking and giggling in ranks. In addition to remembering the "tree"; it certainly looks very unmilitary.

"At Ease" doesn't mean you can tell the gal next to you the latest scuttle-butt. That will keep—in ranks is not the place for discussion.

Let's resolve to improve our marching on the campus from now on. We are under constant observation. Keep your mind on the cadence, remember you're in ranks and really, the ground is always there and it isn't slippery and icy, so why stare at it? As your singing rings out over the campus, keep a happy look on your faces. Let's really show them what we can do, WAVES!

### Attention, Smokers!

Many of us who enjoy smoking use the Rose Lounge and other lounges daily. Let's not abuse this privilege! Lately some of us have been rather careless where we flick our ash-

es. The wastebasket or ash-tray is too far away (all of three feet). The carpet isn't a substitute for an ash tray as some seamen seem to think.

If we were home, would we abuse our living-room like this? The lounges are our living-rooms during our stay in Cedar Falls. We should take pride in keeping them as neat and clean as we would a room in our own home.

All of us know better. It's just carelessness. The next time we go for a "smoke", let's take an extra second to make sure there is an ash tray handy. How about it girls? Let's keep the lounges "shipshape" from now on!

## BARTLETT BINNACLE

Specialists are nice people . . . everyone likes Specialists, but they do take their work too seriously at times. Take for instance one of the favorites back at Hunter: After a thorough scrutiny of a meticulous room (empty save for a dead-to-the-world 'shot reactionist') the over-zealous Specialist marked on the inspection sheet, "body adrift!"

The following is the jibbering of a Wave gone haywire—she had hair check after recently emerging from Ye Olde Gym Pool:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
Does ou wonder who I are?  
Me are whom would love to know

If with I somewhere ou'd go.  
We'd be happy, me with you,  
Me could bill and thee could coo.

Come with I, you pretty lamb,  
But tell me first, please, who you am.

—Pittsburg Press

Speaking of hair (and who wasn't a week ago last Tuesday?) pray tell, who is the mysterious female who frequents the East lounge just a little before taps, ready for bed, complete with P. J.'s and (Topsy fashion) . . . rag curls?

Servicemen who have managed to survive the ocean trip necessary to get them "over there" tell these:

A Pfc. suffering from "mal de mere" approached another suffering buddy and asked, "Isn't your stomach getting pretty weak now?" "Oh, no" hastily assured his companion in miscry, "It just threw that last one five yards."

On such rough and rousing seas a soldier often has six meals a day . . . three down and three up.

Has anyone noticed the assortment of attires that a late fire-drill brings to light . . . how democratic Miss Wandelt is about calisthenics . . . how more seamen are "hitting the deck" with a will now at 0600 (or more

particularly, those in Section 14) . . . and how rainy weather brings out the femininity in Waves—in- stead of marching, they puddle-jump?????

Befuddled trainee who has learned to her sorrow that she is to receive no pay: "What should I do if I'm to receive no money this time.

Helpful Platoon Leader: "Well, you might go see the Chaplain!" (We didn't know he gave financial as well as spiritual help!)

The IOWAVE choir sounded pretty good when they serenaded the college freshmen last week, but they'll have to go some to keep up with the male "ensemble" that was doing some serenading of their own a few nights later.

Since the return of those "revealing" posture pictures, many a new trainee has learned the unfortunate meaning of such tongue-twisters as "kyphosis," "lordosis," "pronation," etc.

Pat Truman, Section 34, although a loyal WAVE, also has one eye on the Marine Corps, on week-ends. (Incidentally, you who gripe at your "15 days per annum": this lad has been doing his duty for three-and-one-half years overseas, without a let-down!)

Congratulations to Section 34 on winning the "red pennant" last week. What's the matter with you new trainees?

The Marine Corps really seems to be making the news lately: Emily Nowocin, Section 34, caught up with one at the "Tavern on the Green," two weeks ago, and had another date last week-end with the same one. (What's your secret formula, Emily?)

Anyone who's short on cash come to see Pauline Valenti in Section 41 . . . (Of course the money is Japanese, but who can be particular in these days of inflation and rising prices?)





## Know Your Navy

Admiral William D. Leahy is a spry, austere figure of an admiral, who, though totally lacking in nautical bluster, somehow contrives to give the impression that he is quite capable of living up to his present high-sounding title—Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States.

His job is to head off the criticism which says that President Roosevelt is taking too large a hand in the military conduct of the war, and at the same time to save the President part of the burden of actually doing the details that go with the job.

Admiral Leahy is a native Iowan, born in Hampton, 6 May 1875. His father was a lawyer and a captain in the Northern army. He grew up in a small town in Wisconsin, received an appointment to Annapolis and was graduated with the class of 1897.

Leahy won the Navy Cross during World War I for distinguished service as commander of the Princess Matoika, escorting troop transports, and went to Washington after the war to head the Bureau of Ordnance and then the Bureau of Navigation.

By 1932 he was a rear admiral, and following a period of sea duty became a four star admiral and Chief of Naval Operations, a position he held until he retired at 65 in 1939.

Following his retirement, Admiral Leahy served as Governor of Puerto Rico until November 1940, when President Roosevelt selected him to be Ambassador to France, to strengthen our relations with the Vichy government. He became Chief of Staff in 1942.

Understand ship's company and officers' quarters have rival hair cutting establishments. From all reports the—er "victims" of each master can be spotted from the rear—they all look just alike.

## V.F.W. Rejects Service Women

The 45th national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, held in Chicago recently, rejected a proposal to admit members of the Women's Army Corps and other women's units of the armed forces, who serve overseas in this war, to membership in the V. F. W.

### S'LONG!

To all the "grads"—a fond adieu From all us left behind.

The very best of luck for you Is what we hope you'll find.

Some of you we've known since "boot,"

And some we've met "en route." We've had our jokes—and quarrels, too,

As almost any group would do. We'll not forget, you can be sure—Such friendships surely must endure.

And so "s'long" we all do say. "Happy sailing all the way."

Chief Boatswain's Mate: "How long have you been working in this compartment?"

Apprentice Seaman: "Ever since I saw you coming down the ladder."

## Saunders Explains Work Of NPO Over KXEL

Monday, 11 September 1944, the WAVES ON THE AIR program over station KXEL, Iowa State Teachers College, featured the work of the Navy Post Office.

Thomas F. Saunders, Sp(M)2c, who is in charge of the station post office, answered questions about mail call, service given by the post office, and the regulations for mailing overseas Christmas packages.

Specialist Saunders is from Peterson, Iowa. Prior to enlisting in the Navy he worked for the government as a rural mail carrier and office clerk. Saunders is affectionately known to the WAVES in Cedar Falls as "Pop."

Lola E. Schuelter, Y3c, of the instruction staff, took the part of the seaman interviewing Specialist Saunders.

The radio program ended with the station choir singing "The Lord is My Shepherd."

## Two Seamen Receive Letters of Commendation

Mildred Anne Giles, S2c, section 31, and Jeanne Goodsheller Sellers, S2c, section 33, have received letters of commendation for their aid in recruiting one member each for the Women's Reserve of the Navy.

## JUST A MINUTE, MAC!



## MOVIES

Saturday, 16 September 1944

2000—"Heavenly Days" a comedy with Fibber McGee and Molly, Barbara Hale and Gordon Oliver. Attack—Battle For New Britain—Documentary. "First Orders" Disney Cartoon. RKO News.

Sunday, 17 September 1944

1400—"The Impatient Years" a drama with Jean Arthur, Lee Bowman and Charles Coburn. March of Time. "Movie Pests"—Pete Smith Spec'ally.

## Corn Detassellers Appear in Newspaper

A picture of three IOWAVES taking part in the corn detasseling done on the second anniversary of the Women's Reserve appeared in a recent issue of THE SERVICE WOMEN.

## ODE TO SECTION 12

These facts came up as I did delve Thru the annals of Section 12, To see if they'd enjoyed their stay Out here in good old I-o-way!! They've studied hard and lost some sleep, And sometimes o'er their grades they'd weep. But, all in all, they've had some fun And that's what counts when all is done. It's those good times and the friends they've met That in days to come they'll not forget. Their picnic was just one such event— Tho' when it rained they did lament. 'Cause of that rain they all did go Down to Cedar Falls' U. S. O. "It's fun down there" is what they say. (Now they find out as they're on their way!!) They danced and had cokes and cookies, too. There were lots of things to do. They saved the life of a helpless bird. But of that, no doubt, you've already heard. And as to where they soon would go The Cuiia board always seemed to know!! Perhaps now you'll see what this is about. It's the fun you'll remember when you go out. It's the gals you've met from here and there With whom your joys and troubles you've shared, That you'll think of when you add the score Of all these weeks that have gone before.



# LOGGING OUT

## Company I



Section 11

First row, left to right: E. Sherwin; E. Starz; H. Hirsch; C. Hornbarger; B. Hess; R. Gill; B. Rothschilder; R. Pringle; Ens. E. Levett; H. Erickson; G. Ignatius; D. Libra; M. Macumber; M. Sagraves. Second row: V. Miller; D. Farrell; C. Benvenu; J. Grant; H. Fish; K. Peska; M. Steele; H. Dukeshire; K. Avis; G. Lambert; R. Lane; D. Homer; E. Bowman; H. Wright; M. Peel. Third row: M. Haskell; A. Ferris; S. Fornash; M. Vandervoort; E. Nation; R. Buckles; S. Cartwright; S. Cogswell; H. Neale; J. Ellingson; H. Halota; F. Guernsey; H. North; H. Tremble; E. Wilson; V. Minetti. Fourth row: D. Weisgerber; M. Love; M. Thompson; N. Phillips; C. Oberlander; J. Pomeroy; V. Wright; F. Aron; R. Starling; R. Gale; P. Born; S. Donaldson; C. Eastman; R. Yurkanin.



Section 12

First row, left to right: E. Hallgren; M. Konold; D. Jackens; M. Ehrke; B. French; Lt. (jg) F. Koughan; Ers. E. Levett; A. Springer; M. Hayes; B. Petrantonio; M. Case; B. Mentch. Second row: K. Hughes; E. Lillegard; D. Boland; V. Hartman; B. Flory; E. Anderson; D. Bennett; M. Towers; A. Hicks; O. Evanson; A. Kueber; D. Artz. Third row: A. Klink; L. Wright; M. Stewartson; E. Masters; J. Dougherty; N. Young; B. Bailey; R. Herndon; J. Raden; K. Jackson; I. Faehrich; D. Breault; C. Ziemer. Fourth row: M. Callahan; L. Mauro; J. Love; L. Hobbs; E. Davis; E. Comer; L. Steiner; L. Jones; A. Ryan; M. Black; L. Blizzard; H. Mortell; D. Carey; H. Rice.



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## Company I



### Section 13

First row, left to right: L. Hoagland; D. Williams; C. Baeza; A. Hurley; B. Gordon; B. Mathias; Ens. V. Dunbar; Ens. E. Levett; M. Nelson; D. Casler; M. Page; H. Santora. Second row: K. Courtemanche; H. Drushal; H. Herrington; M. Koss; G. Page; A. Parbery; M. Kinsella; D. Johnson; L. Reynolds; F. Karanink; M. Tisinger; F. Barber; K. Smith. Third row: D. Wilson; C. Williams; H. Miller; M. Fleming; H. Frizzell; M. Gibson; V. Waser; L. Ruhl; D. Chester; V. Stockwell; J. Cox; E. Snyder. Fourth row: D. Price; V. Ball; R. Osterfeld; M. Brown; H. Maves; B. Bearor; E. Anshaw; R. Duffek; E. Baldwin; H. Dorsey; R. Jay; M. Hall; E. Purcell; M. Schultz.

## Company II



### Section 23

First row, left to right: R. Gober; K. Gasperson; E. Grims e ; P. Ervin; V. Spatz; C. McNally Lt. (jg) M. Miller; G. Rea; Y3c. S. Beam; M. Farris; B. Green; R. Willian; D. Palmer; Y. Mi n. Second row: G. Knott; E. Fitzgerald; D. Caporal; E. Williams; A. Forsyth; V. MacKenzie; G. Axelson; C. Gould; G. Austin; E. V s oncellos; L. DeGrove; J. Williams; J. Babich. Third row: M. Gudwell; M. Kirkland; P. Hyde; D. Baker; H. Weideman; D. Lundeen; C. Cannon; L. Touzely; M. Osborne; C. Kuehnert; L. Coughlin; D. Detner; A. Nims. Fourth row: E. Clifton; M. Woolley; J. H g n; M. Nettle; F. Gazzani; E. Gaylor; P. Bresciano; W. Butler; J. Arnold; D. Warner; P. LaMont; V. Lund; E. Reinke; N. Mantle; P. Shantz.



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## Company II



### Section 24

First row, left to right: A. Luedtke; S. Teeters; M. Azerski; D. Baker; C. Bradley; R. Cunningham; M. Sullivan; Lt. (jg) M. Miller; Lt. (jg) E. Bryant; H. Hunter; C. Davies; M. Skola; J. Krambeck; W. Wray. Second row: B. Jackson; I. Thompson; L. Kolling; E. Munger; F. Muckinhaupt; B. Eichmeier; B. Miller; P. Crawford; B. Rehn; D. Perrigen; M. Widder; H. Patterson; F. Wise. Third row: P. Tibbets; B. Earp; L. Bugbee; E. Waack; I. Miller; J. De Meo; R. Rowell; L. Rife; E. Roberts; R. Renner; L. Carlson; A. Cerretani; J. Halter. Fourth row: R. Neugebauer; M. Nyland; G. Beak; L. Ballerini; D. Canaday; H. Friedman; E. Frohmuth; M. Haire; M. Gagne; D. Smith; B. Christensen; A. Anderson; L. Joseph; B. Calvert; J. Hoffman.

## Company III



### Section 31

First row, left to right: L. Jordan; J. Land; B. Kriss; L. Stover; D. Erdman; I. Presley; Ens. L. Goodenow; A. York; T. Sorrentino; J. Bailey; V. Bester; M. Hansen; M. Wilkie; M. Weber. Second row: W. Morgan; R. Fagot; G. Duck; N. Hyatt; M. Anderson; M. Pixley; M. Batchelor; M. Giles; M. Brilsky; D. Cheney; G. Heiser; H. Nelson; M. Heath; V. Hensley; L. Legudzinski. Third row: C. Petterson; A. Iannuzzi; H. Meter; C. Glavin; D. Eilers; L. Czajkowski; B. Burns; E. Swanson; E. Tyler; G. Phares; B. Delaport; I. Rycroft; E. Blundell; R. Brown; M. Good. Fourth row: M. Jenks; F. Overak; V. Rychlinski; H. King; E. Gehle; H. Kelly; V. Brown; S. Grey; M. Dempsey; V. Frost; M. Giles; M. Christophe; J. Turner; D. Hibberd.



## Meet the Staff

Lt. (jg) Edward J. Morrison

One of the most important officers on this station (to every seaman) is Lt. (jg) Edward J. Morrison. Mr. Morrison is the disbursing officer who sits behind that long table in the East Lounge, every two weeks, and hands you your pay.

Lieutenant Morrison is a native of Minnesota and lived in Morris, Minnesota before entering the Navy. He attended Morris High School and the University of Minnesota.

In peace time, Mr. Morrison was assistant editor of The Morris Tribune. It seems like a long way from newspaper man to disbursing officer, but the Navy made sure that he would have no difficulty in making the transition by sending him to the Naval Supply Corps School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. After attending Supply Corps School, he was stationed at The Naval Training School in Ames, Iowa. He has been in the Navy seventeen months, eight of which have been spent here at Cedar Falls.

As for hobbies—he is an ardent stamp collector of United States Stamps and a bridge fiend. He also likes hunting and fishing, but since he has been in the Navy he has had little time for them.

### Ens. Florence Sheils

Ens. Florence Sheils of the Instruction Department, was born and lived most of her life in Chicago, Illinois. She has a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago, and did graduate work at the Chicago State Teachers college.

Miss Sheils taught commercial subjects in evening school for five years, and just before enlisting in the WAVES she was employed as a secretary for several doctors at the Institute of Psychoanalysis in Chicago.

She has been in the service since 17 November, 1943 and came to Cedar Falls on 17 January, 1944.

When Miss Sheils was ten years of age, she and her mother took a trip to Europe. One foggy night the ship on which they were traveling almost rammed into another ship. It was such a startling experience that the second mate on board died of heart failure from the strain and was buried at sea. Miss Sheils states that she has often thought that this experience left her with a desire to swim and swim well. Once on European soil, she and her mother visited Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and then flew from Paris to England.

Swimming is Miss Sheils' "extra-special" favorite topic of discussion. She has been swimming

(Continued in fourth column)

## Attention, All Worriers!

**FOUND!** A cure for Short-hand nerves! A relaxing pastime for cloudy days!

Who? All Naval Personnel at this activity!

What? The removal of plaintain weeds from the campus of Iowa State Teachers College.

When? In "spare moments!"

Where? Each platoon can begin on the territory of their muster positions.

Why? Lieut. Elizabeth Hall feels greatly distressed at the amount of plaintain weed grow-

ing in abundance on the lawns of this campus.

How? The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds has presented Miss Hall with twelve asparagus knives which are available to any WAVE, who feels the urge to dig out the plaintain, at the desk of the Petty Officer of Watch in the Green Lounge.

If any of the officers are observed digging—they might like some company, and it would be good exercise too!

## MEET YOUR SHIPMATES

### Mary Louise Minford

If you have ever had a chat with Mary Minford of Section 14, you would know what an interesting background she has. For those of you who haven't been that fortunate, the following is a brief biography of some phases of her life.

Mary Lu was born in Manila, Philippine Islands of Spanish and English parentage. She lived in Manila for approximately five years and then she and her family traveled to Shanghai, China and lived at the International Settlement there. (The International Settlement housed peoples of all nationalities, just as the International House in New York City.) Her father was employed as an engineer at the Socony-Vacuum Company in Shanghai.

Evidently Mary Lu is accustomed to the company of girls, for she attended Thomas Henry School for Girls when she was a youngster—and later the Farmers Commercial College for Ladies. Joining the WAVES shows that she is running true to form!

After completing her schooling in Shanghai, Mary Lu was employed as a secretary to the general manager of Cathay Hotels Limited, one of the largest organizations in that metropolis. Also, whenever a guest needed material to be typed or letters to be written, she would come to the rescue. Lu can proudly state that at one time she received dictation from no less a personage than Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. during his stay in Shanghai—and although she didn't receive any dictation from Ronald Colman, she said, and quite sheepishly, that she threw peanuts at him from a balcony to attract his attention. (P. S. It didn't work!)

She has many pleasant memories of Shanghai—the races, the theatre, the friendly arguments with Chinese market-men about prices, and her amah (a fourteen-year-old Chinese servant girl)—

all of these being the brighter side of the Chinese scene.

But there are tragic memories too—

Just before coming to the United States at a time when conditions in China were at the breaking point, Mary Lu went through an experience that she says she will never forget. She recalls vividly the occasion when Chinese flyers aiming at a Japanese flag ship in the port of Shanghai, accidentally bombed an area around the Cathay Hotels Limited, causing the deaths of thousands, serious injuries, and a tremendous amount of destruction. Weeping women and children kneeling over still figures strewn everywhere, and others running wildly through the streets of Shanghai in search of loved ones, are tragic sights that will live in her memory.

In 1937, Mary Lu and her family, with the exception of her father, were evacuated from Shanghai and came to the United States. They settled in New York and soon Mary Lu was employed at the Waldorf-Astoria as a secretary. She has also been employed by the Popular Science Monthly, and the Standard Oil Company.

Mary Lu has not heard from her father since 1941. At that time he was in Manila when that city was declared an open city and soon after was bombed by the Japs.

This reason, coupled with her deep sympathy for the Chinese people, was an incentive for her to join the WAVES.

It is not difficult to understand why her fervent desire is that peace and happiness will come to all peoples soon, and will remain forever.

Too bad Earl Carroll wasn't around for our last fire drill: he might have gotten new material for his "vanities" from the various stages of "dress" and "undress," which appeared.

## Chevrons Of Ship's Company

Robert Brown, CPhM

After two days of dodging around corners to escape an interview, the publicity-shy Chief Brown, in charge of the Record Office for Sick Bay, finally offered, in desperation, a few vital statistics for Chevrons of Ship's Company.

Robert Brown, CPhM, U.S.N.; enlisted in the Navy in September, 1939, and came to the Naval Training School, Cedar Falls, in March this year after serving several months in the South Pacific. He intends to remain in the Navy after the war and make it his career.

He can be easily recognized by his broad, ready smile and his hat cocked precariously on his head. He is popular with everyone and very well liked by his fellow-workers.

Chief Brown is very happy and satisfied with his duty here, especially since his wife recently arrived to make Cedar Falls their home.

The Navy will have to go some to keep up with the Army on military courtesy: A few afternoons ago the platoon leader of one of the newer sections was conscientiously "hopping" her section to class, when what should have been into sight but a lieutenant of the Army Air Corps. The platoon leader very smartly saluted, and in true Navy style said, "Good afternoon." The lieutenant, not to be outdone, went one step further, and in his most military manner, said "Good afternoon, glad to see you!" (Stop blushing, Palmer!)

### MEET YOUR STAFF

since she was eight years old, and whenever she had any spare time it would be spent in the Y. W. C. A. pool. She has been in many competitive meets and has "a box full of medals at home—about thirty." She states that one of her most thrilling meets was a one-mile long-distance swim near Lake Michigan in which 275 people participated. She came in twelfth, and is very proud of this achievement. Synchronized swimming is one of Miss Sheils' particular "likes." She believes that there is nothing more beautiful or thrilling than watching a group of swimmers all performing the same designs at the same time in water.

When asked whether she had a desire to swim the English Channel some day, Miss Sheils smiled and said that she didn't think she would try it, for the water is very choppy and cold, the English Channel is very large, and besides—it wouldn't be much fun.

But won't you try it anyway, Miss Sheils?



## Life Insurance Qualifications Modified For Overseas Service

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs has modified the medical evidence required in connection with applications for National Service Life Insurance for personnel who have been in service more than 120 days and who are serving in the United States proper when located at shore activities for immediate transfer to sea duty or transportation overseas.

In such cases a complete medical report will not be required, in applying for insurance, if the individual's medical-history shows him to be in good health, and does not disclose the possible existence of a disease or injury which might leave a permanent impairment.

## Section 23 Has Farewell Dinner at USO

With graduation just around the corner to mark the end of these Iowaves' indoctrination, section 23 is saying good-byes with a dinner at the USO in Cedar Falls, Saturday, 16 September.

Being assured that Fall is here to stay, the decorating committee has used that theme to brighten up the already comfortable rooms of the USO. Various members of the section will step up and provide the entertainment for the affair. The dinner has been planned and will be prepared and served by the more domestically inclined members of the section.

Honor guests for the occasion will include Lieut. Elizabeth Hall, Lt. (jg) Louise Miller, Sp (S) 2c Thelma Smith and Section 23's "Mama," Georgia Rae, Y 3/c.

## Club Members Learn Spanish Songs

The Marineras Club, sponsored by "Mickey" Chapa, S2c, is doing splendid work. The thirty-five members are very enthusiastic over learning the Spanish language. Two songs have already been learned—"Cielito Lindo" (beautiful little heaven) and "Amor" (love).

The meetings are held in the Auditorium Building, room 45, at 1830 on Tuesday and Thursday. Everyone is "bien venida" (welcome).

## Bos'n's Pipe

Lt. (jg) Inez Frink and Ens. Eleanor Brown are spending a five-day leave at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Sam W. Ewing of Glade-water, Texas, arrived Wednesday for a two-week visit with her sister, Christine Tucker, Sp (S)1c.

## Army Nurse Corps Adopts New Uniform

(From The Service Woman)

The traditional nurse's white uniform, for years the trademark of graduate registered nurses in the United States, is being discarded by the Army in favor of brown and white pin stripe for wear in Army hospitals.

The new uniform adopted by the Army has been worn only in overseas theaters. It is easily laundered, has a conventional color, is neat and trim looking, has no buttons to be lost, does not wrinkle, does not require starching or pressing, and does not necessitate extensive alteration for size as did the white uniforms.

Nurses in the Navy Nurse Corps may wear the grey and white seersucker WAVE uniform, without the tie, and with their insignia for ward duty in foreign areas when laundry facilities are not easily available.

## 69 Nurses Lost Out of 40,000 In Present War

(From The Service Woman)

The Army Nurse Corps has had approximately 40,000 members in the line of duty since Pearl Harbor. The Corps has lost 69 of these members. Besides these thirteen were lost in Albania for 60 days and were returned to allied control after traveling with the aid of the underground. Twenty-four have been reported as wounded, and 66 are still prisoners of war.

Jeep, peep, automobile and airplane crashes, and accidents caused some of the deaths. Nurses have also died of jaundice, pneumonia, anemia, dysentery, nephritis, and meningococcal bacteremia. Six have died as a direct result of enemy action.

Nurses have been wounded while serving aboard hospital ships, and in Italy and Burma. One flight nurse in Burma was wounded when the airfield was strafed and bombed. All wounded recovered and returned to duty.

## "Pop" Says

INSTRUCTIONS OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL—Summary of conditions governing Mail for Army Personnel Overseas.

For convenience and ready reference there is given below a summary of the conditions governing mail for Army personnel overseas, these conditions having been established at the request of the War Department because of the heavy demands on cargo space for military shipments and the limited facilities available to commanders of theaters of operations for delivery of mail (orders and notices in Postal Bulletins of January 8, March 12, and May 11, 1943, and August 11, 1944).

1. WEIGHT AND SIZE.—No parcel exceeding 5 pounds in weight, or 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined, shall be accepted for dispatch to A.P.O.'s overseas for individuals.

2. WRITTEN REQUEST FOR ARTICLES NECESSARY —Only

such articles, including newspapers and periodicals, as are specifically requested by the addressee may be accepted for mailing, and not more than one parcel shall be accepted for mailing in any 1 week when sent by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or for the same addressee. The written request of the addressee, together with the envelope in which it was mailed, must be presented at the post office at the time the parcel is mailed. The request and envelopes shall be postmarked by the accepting employee in such manner as to prevent reuse and then returned to sender of the parcel. When the request is in a processed V-mail letter, the envelope will not be required. A request may not be used for more than one parcel. It is not necessary that a request for articles be approved by a commanding officer. No Postmaster should suggest to patrons that they contact the Department with the view of having exceptions made in their particular cases, since, except as below indicated, it is not contemplated that there will be any exception to weight and size limits for parcels to individuals.

(To be Continued)

